

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY TO IDENTIFY ALL OF THE SUPERFUND SITES IN
MONTANA AND TO STUDY THE IMPACTS OF SUPERFUND SITES ON COMMUNITIES DIRECTLY
IMPACTED BY A SUPERFUND SITE.

WHEREAS, there are several communities around Montana that are affected by state and federal
superfund sites; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state and the communities to identify the unique issues and
needs within these communities; and

WHEREAS, communities are directly affected by cleanup activities and the timeliness and completeness
of these cleanup activities; and

WHEREAS, communities must live with problems associated with superfund sites and the effects on
the communities' infrastructure, economy, and social well being; and

WHEREAS, a less than timely response to superfund-related concerns by those responsible for cleanup
activities has a direct and immediate and often costly effect on the communities and their abilities to provide
basic services for their citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is of great importance to provide options and assistance from programs, whether state
or federal, to mitigate the economic, environmental, or social effects of the superfund designation within the
communities of Montana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee, pursuant to
section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources to:

(1) establish a comprehensive list of:

1 (a) the superfund sites located in Montana, including the date on which the site was listed, on the state
2 or federal superfund list, a site description, the history, and contaminants associated with the site;

3 (b) the current status of cleanup efforts, what cleanup milestones have been reached, and how much
4 liquid and solid-based media have been treated;

5 (c) the decision documents describing the chosen remedy for site remediation for each site in Montana;
6 and

7 (d) the proposed timeframe for completing the cleanup efforts;

8 (2) identify alternatives that are available to communities when cleanup efforts are not timely and are
9 having a direct impact on the community, including monetary, economic, and social impacts;

10 (3) provide a detailed summary of water, infrastructure, and economic development needs of the
11 communities that are a direct or indirect result of the superfund listing or the presence of contaminants that
12 resulted in the superfund listing;

13 (4) identify alternatives for education of citizens of the communities directly affected by the superfund
14 listing as well as alternatives for providing education to citizens across Montana on the impacts of a superfund
15 site to local communities and the state; and

16 (5) develop a process to improve communication between local, state, and federal governments when
17 addressing superfund issues.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the study is assigned to staff, any findings or conclusions be
19 presented to and reviewed by an appropriate committee designated by the Legislative Council.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review
21 requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2006.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions,
23 comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 60th Legislature.

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